

# Education Interim Committee Submits Preliminary Report

Eugene—The legislative interim committee on education released a preliminary report at a meeting here recently summarizing its recommendations. Most of the recommendations are concerned with school finance—both appropriation and distribution.

The committee pointed out that the recommendations are merely preliminary and "drafting and administrative problems might force a change in committee approaches to the solutions of various problems."

A summary of the committee's chief recommendations is:

**State Appropriations**  
—State appropriations for support of elementary and secondary education should approach, but not exceed, 50 per cent of the current expenditures of school districts in the state. The goal should be approached over a five-year period, to avoid disrupting state finance in any one biennium. This recommendation should be submitted to the voters.

—State appropriations for basic school support should be restricted, as far as possible, to support of education for students in grades 1 through 12, and should not be diverted to other purposes. Any diversions should be limited to payment of administrative expenses for basic support, the present emergency fund and payment of the expense for education of children in state institutions.

The balance of the basic school support fund should be available for payments to school districts.

**Transportation Aid**  
—School districts should continue to receive transportation aid as a separate state supported program. Each school district should receive 50 per cent of its approved transportation cost.

—State aid should be distributed to guarantee every

district the same amount of money, per weighted average daily membership (this would be a formula worked out on the basis of attendance), with a uniform amount, so far as administratively possible, being contributed by each property taxpayer in the state.

Every district should receive a minimum amount of state aid, with special provisions made for those that make an exceptional effort to provide an educational program. It also asks consideration of sources of revenue other than property taxes, such as federal forest fees, and O and C revenues.

**Meets Opposition**  
(The proposal for use of O and C funds met opposition from a minority of the committee.) The recommendation calls for inclusion of 12 1/2 per cent of O and C funds received by the counties for inclusion in the formula.

—The state board of education should be increased from seven to nine members, with the terms of members limited to seven consecutive years. The superintendent of public instruction should be appointed by the board. The superintendent is now elected.

—The professional staff of the state department of education should be exempt from the classified service of the state, with the salary plan and arrangements for leave with pay established by the state board of education.

—School districts should be

reorganized into administrative districts of sufficient size to provide an adequate educational program in Oregon. A strong educational program, to acquaint the people with the aims of reorganization, should also be conducted.

A minority report made during the committee meeting opposed use of O and C funds for basic school support on the grounds that inclusion of these funds "will serve as a springboard for some interests which are opposed to the equalized flat grant formula to defeat the entire program of the interim committee at the next session of the state legislature."

The four members of the committee opposed to the use of O and C funds were Representatives Nancy Kirkpatrick, Lebanon; Evelyn Nye, Medford; Tom Monaghan, Milwaukie; and Al Flegel, Roseburg.

**Work Being Discarded**  
They added in the report that the possible inclusion of O and C funds "concerns us deeply as we feel there is a possibility of the entire work of the interim committee being discarded due to geographical differences of opinion."

They pointed out also that they feel legislation will be introduced pertaining to the use of O and C funds by other organizations and the issue can be determined on its own merits without jeopardizing the complete proposal of the committee "including increased school support."

Other members of the interim committee are Sen. Ward Cook, Portland; James Yeomans, Portland; Stuart Compton, Salem; Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland; Sen. Dwight Hopkins, Baker; John Hounsell, Portland; William Bade, Portland; Rep. John Kerbow, Klamath Falls; and Sen. Robert White, Salem.

# Clues Sought in Theft of Jewelry

West Hollywood, Calif.—(UPI)—Sheriff's deputies today sought clues in the theft of \$3 million in jewelry and non-negotiable stocks from the apartment of Raoul Fernandez, widower of Coca-Cola heiress Catherine Candler.

The jewelry, valued at \$1 million, and stocks were contained in a 100-pound safe which Fernandez told deputies was missing from his bedroom when he returned home early Tuesday.

The thieves overlooked a small painting on the wall which Fernandez said was an original Rembrandt worth \$125,000.

The stocks were issued by the Coca-Cola Company and are not negotiable without Fernandez's signature, he said.

Pieces of jewelry lost included a \$500,000 diamond necklace, a \$25,000 pearl necklace, six bracelets worth \$53,000, a collection of gold cuff links worth \$45,000 and a \$20,000 diamond-encrusted cigarette case, Fernandez reported.

He said his wife was a granddaughter of Asa G. Candler, founder of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. They were wed in 1941 and she died in 1956, he said.

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**ON 'PEACE' FLIGHT**—U.S. airline captain Charles Banfe stands beside his Super V Bonanza twin engine plane at New York's Idlewild airport after his arrival on the second leg of his Honolulu-to-Honolulu round-the-world "Wings of Peace" flight. Banfe left Honolulu Sunday and expects to arrive back there Saturday. The Palo Alto, Calif., flier plans to make stops in 12 foreign countries. (UPI Telephoto)

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# All Acreage Restrictions on Sugar Beets Off

Washington—(UPI)—The Agriculture Department today removed all acreage restrictions on the 1961 sugar beet crop.

It will be the first time in seven years that beet sugar output will not be restricted under the sugar control program.

One effect of the action will be to permit production of more beet sugar to replace cane sugar supplies previously provided by Cuba.

The department said its decision was based on indicated year-end supplies of beet sugar and the probable 1961 and future sugar beet quotas.

**Taken Into Account**  
It also took into account the need for substantial sugar stocks to facilitate orderly marketing, the production capacity of beet sugar factories and recommendations made by representatives of sugar beet producers and processors at a public hearing in Denver, Sept. 19.

The 1960 beet sugar acreage allotment was 987,000 acres, of which about 905,000 acres will be harvested this fall. This acreage is expected to yield 16,727,000 tons of sugar beets.

**WISHES HE LOST**  
Charlotte, N.C.—(UPI)—General Electric Co. district manager J. F. McElwee won a live, 250-pound seal Tuesday night as first prize in a sales contest. The seal eats 28 pounds of fish day—and there is no zoo here.

# State To Build New GP Building

Grants Pass—The headquarters office of the state department of forestry in Grants Pass has been torn down and a new building will be erected soon.

The new office will be in approximately the same location.

Plans for the new building include five offices on the main floor, with a radio and storage room.

A basement meeting room will provide additional space.

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# Jackson Predicts Kennedy Victory

Washington—(UPI)—Democratic National Chairman Henry M. Jackson predicted Tuesday that John F. Kennedy would defeat Richard M. Nixon for the presidency, possibly carrying all 50 states.

Jackson branded Nixon a demagogue who is using "simple emotional appeals and simple labels" to hide "complex campaign issues."

He forecast victory for Kennedy in the traditional national chairman's pre-election forecast to the National Press Club. GOP Chairman Thurston B. Morton will make his prediction later.

# Mobutu's Control On Congo Slipping

Leopoldville, The Congo—(UPI)—Mounting criticism by Congolese political leaders Tuesday threatened American Col. Joseph Mobutu's "strongman" control of this seething African republic.

The new controversy boiled up over Mobutu's apparent reluctance to force a showdown with deposed Premier Patrice Lumumba.

Mobutu announced Monday that he had changed his mind about calling parliament back into session and reiterated his decision to "neutralize" the legislative body and all political parties until the end of the year.

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